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IN EAST EUROPE OF EVENTS IN THE WESTERN WORLD. THIS  
KNOWLEDGEABLE AWARENESS OF THE WEST REPRESENTS BOTH THE  
MAJOR STRENGTH OF THE BILATERAL COMMUNICATION  
RELATIONSHIP AND THE POINT OF GREATEST  
VULNERABILITY, FOR THE POPULATION OF EAST GERMANY HAS A  
HUNGER FOR ALL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND  
CIVILIZATION FROM WHICH IT HAS BEEN SEPARATED FOR MORE  
THAN FOUR DECADES.

7. THE PERFORMING ARTS, PAINTING, DRAMA, FILMS, SOCIAL  
SCIENCES, LITERATURE, AND EDUCATION AS DEVELOPED AND  
PRACTICED IN THE UNITED STATES ARE OBJECTS OF HIGH  
INTEREST, EVEN OF SCHOLARLY RESEARCH, AND REPRESENT AREAS  
WHERE INFORMATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS CAN PROMOTE THE  
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH DIRECT THE OVERALL ACTIVITIES  
OF THE EMBASSY. SOME LEND THEMSELVES  
APPROPRIATELY FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE MEANS AVAILABLE TO  
THE PRESS AND CULTURAL SECTION, ESPECIALLY INTERNAL  
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LIBERALIZATION AND IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS, OBJECTIVES  
SERVED BY THE VAST ARRAY OF MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS WHICH  
REPRESENT INSTRUMENTS OF COMMUNICATION--PRINTED MATERIALS,  
LIBRARY OUTREACH, VTRS, ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS,  
CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS, EXHIBITS, SCIENTIFIC, SPORTS,  
RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL DELEGATIONS AND VOLUNTARY  
SPEAKERS. OTHER OBJECTIVES CAN AND WILL BE ADDRESSED,  
SUCH AS THE AREA OF TRADE PROMOTION THROUGH SUPPORT FOR  
TECHNICAL SEMINARS AND THE LEIPZIG FAIR WHICH HELP PROMOTE  
BROADER UNDERSTANDING, EXPANSION OF U.S. EXPORT SALES AND

INTEGRATION OF THE GDR INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY. EQUALLY  
VALID, IF MORE DIFFICULT, ARE THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE  
POLITICAL-MILITARY BALANCE IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND  
THE OBJECTIVE OF MORE CONSTRUCTIVE GDR BEHAVIOR IN  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ADDRESSED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS  
WITH VISITING POLITICAL ANALYSTS  
EMPLOYING ALSO MEDIA TECHNIQUES AT THE POST.

8. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THESE OBJECTIVES  
NECESSARILY REQUIRES A CROSS-FERTILIZATION OF IDEAS AND  
PEOPLE, ACHIEVED THROUGH A DEGREE OF RECIPROCITY IN  
EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES. THIS IS ALREADY BEING ACCOMPLISHED  
THROUGH THE IREX PROGRAM, IS IMMINENT IN THE DRAFTS BEING  
COMPLETED BETWEEN THE TWO ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE, AND WILL  
RECEIVE FURTHER IMPETUS WHEN A CULTURAL AGREEMENT  
INCORPORATING A BROAD AND VARIED SPECTRUM OF BILATERAL  
EXCHANGES IS NEGOTIATED. EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH AN  
AGREEMENT, PRIVATELY ARRANGED AMERICAN TOURS FOR  
ORCHESTRAS, MUSICAL ARTISTS, AND LITERARY FIGURES, AND THE  
IMPRESSIVE DRESDEN ART EXHIBIT ENLARGE THE HORIZONS  
OF AMERICANS ABOUT THE GDR AND THROUGH OPEN AND DIRECT  
CONTACT IMPROVE BILATERAL COMMUNICATION.

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9. AS DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION HAS PROVIDED THE FRAMEWORK,  
PRESS AND CULTURAL RELATIONS PROVIDE CONCRETE CHANNELS  
THROUGH WHICH BILATERAL RELATIONS ADVANCE, AT THE SAME  
TIME INCREASING GDR KNOWLEDGE OF OUR SOCIETY AND  
POLICIES AND IN CONSEQUENCE PERMITTING FOR MORE  
INFORMED JUDGMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

10. WHILE THERE CAN BE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE RATE AND  
SCOPE OF PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING OUR GOALS, BEHIND THE  
INIMICAL FACADE OF OFFICIAL IDEOLOGY LIES A NUMEROUS AND  
RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE EAGER FOR CONTACT WITH AMERICAN THOUGHT  
AND CULTURE, AND TO THIS END WE MUST PROCEED WITH  
PATIENCE AND PERSISTENCE IF WE ARE TO  
ACHIEVE AND STRENGTHEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." END TEXT  
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